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Rumanian Power to Bulgaria

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1. The Soviets have ordered the Rumanian Government to increase the quantity of power supplied to Bulgaria from 4,000 kw in 1949 to 10,000 kw by 1951 at the latest. Facilities for the transmission of this power have been installed; Pirelli, an Italian corporation, supplied the cables.
2. The gas turbine of 10,000 kw capacity sold to Rumania by the Brown Boveri firm of Switzerland has been found to have defective rotators. Present tension between Switzerland and Rumania has alarmed the Rumanian authorities who had hoped to secure replacements for these rotators by the end of 1949.
3. Work has been started on a hydro-electric plant at Moreni, with a planned capacity of 16,000 kw. Prices for turbines quoted by Swiss firms were considered too high, thus equipment will be supplied by the Czechoslovaks and the Russians. Three years will be required to complete the plant at Moreni.
4. All electrical equipment on order for Yugoslavia with Czechoslovak plants will reportedly be sold to the Rumanians.

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